

HILL ABSENT AT FURTHER INQUIRY IN HIS ELECTION

Democratic Candidates of Whole State Spent Less Than Hill's Men.

W. E. BURNHAM WILL BE SUMMONED SOON

He Will Be Asked About Solicitation of Funds For Hill Election.

(Special to The Farmer)

Stamford, Aug. 6.—Congressman E. J. Hill, to the surprise of former Congressman Jeremiah Donovan and his counsel, did not take the witness stand, yesterday, to explain any of the accusations which have been brought against his campaign methods, during the hearing of the Donovan-Hill contest.

The congressman was not present at yesterday's hearing, and his first appearance was at the hearing of the election reports of many Democratic treasurers, the offer of election day figures on election of state and congressional candidates in November, 1914, and with the tender of legal opinions from former Attorney General John B. Light, from former Judge John B. Perry, and from Attorney General Hinnman.

These opinions were to the general effect that a candidate is authorized by the Corrupt Practices Act to spend only a limited sum for his election, but that a political committee may spend an unlimited amount. The opinions were all given after the election, and after the Donovan-Hill contest was begun.

Their admission was objected to by Mr. Cummings, counsel for Mr. Donovan, and they were read into the record to be at the disposition of the House Committee on Congressional Elections. The reading of reports of Democratic candidates, in 1914, with respect to election expenditures disclosed the following regarding the expenditure by and in behalf of Democratic candidates for Congress:

For Augustin Longman, First district, \$2,093
For E. P. Mahan, Second district, 450
For T. L. Kelly, Third district, 1,789
For J. Donovan, Fourth district, 1,121
For William Kennedy, Fifth district, 2,038
Total, \$7,491

Earlier reports showed that Hill and his committee had expended almost \$100,000 for his election, more than had been expended by or for all five Democratic candidates for congressional office.

The report of L. E. Stoddard, secretary of the Democratic state central committee, showed expenditures of \$2,615, or about \$1,500 less expended on the election in the whole state, than was used for Hill in the Fourth district.

The hearing was adjourned until a blank date. Mr. Cummings will call several more witnesses, among whom is A. C. Wheeler, Hill's political agent.

Mr. Burnham will be asked regarding the collection of campaign funds, which other witnesses have testified he solicited.

DIED

LALLY—In Stratford, August 5, 1915, John Lally.

Friends are invited to attend the funeral from his late residence, Ferry Road, Stratford, on Saturday, Aug. 7, at 9:30 a. m., and from St. James church at 10 a. m. Interment at St. Michael's cemetery.

GLEASON—In this city, Wednesday, Aug. 4, John A. Gleason, wife of John J. Gleason.

Friends are invited to attend the funeral from her late residence, No. 106 Austin street on Saturday, Aug. 7, at 8:30 a. m., and from Sacred Heart church at 9 o'clock. Burial at St. Michael's cemetery. New Haven papers please copy.

WANTED—Chauffeur, Apply to T. B. Warren, 29 Sanford Building.

WANTED—By young man work at filling, fitting, soldering or drilling, 670 Connecticut Ave. L 6 d

WANTED—Situation by young man at soldering, fitter or scraping. Address 530 Connecticut Ave. L 6 d

FOR SALE—Lot 40 x 120 on Hunting St. near St. Vincent's hospital. All improvements on the street. \$500 to quick buyer. Inquire 230 Gordon St. a p

YOUNG MAN wants a position at anything, strong and husky, willing and industrious. George Malina, Care of General Delivery, Bridgeport, Ct. L 6 d

WANTED—Position as private secretary by young man, four years experience, highest references, Arthur, General Delivery, East Side. L 6 d

WANTED—Clerical position by young man (21), high school graduate, some knowledge of bookkeeping and typewriting. James, Care of Arthur, 615 Pembroke St. L 6 d

THREE ACRE PROPERTY, large house, barn, etc., city water, electric light, steam heat, Staten Island near Terra Marine Inn. Exchange six to nine thousand equity for unencumbered property. Bridgeport or vicinity. Address L. P. C. Care of Farmer. a p

CARD OF THANKS.

I desire to extend my sincere thanks to friends, neighbors, Shipping and Boxing Dept. of George C. Batcheller & Co., Adams Express Co. and Crown Corset Co. for kindness shown me in my late bereavement in the loss of my wife; also wish to thank all for floral tokens sent.

ROBERT S. HAYDEN.

ADVERTISE IN THE FARMER.

Mayor's Efforts To Gag Labor Ridiculed In City Court Cases

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"Do you deny the statement of Superintendent Birmingham that the meeting was held on private property?" Sergeant Wheeler didn't want to deny his superior's statement.

Sergeant Wheeler said Nelson and Bowen shrieked at the men: "Stand by the eight hour day!" when they were being carried away.

Passing the Bullard Machine Tool Co. he said they shouted at men, and he thought that was a disturbance. This was ruled out because it happened after the meeting was over.

Mr. Bowen was put on the stand. On examination he replied that he is a property owner, a taxpayer, a machinist and a business agent of the Machinists' local.

He said he attempted to address the mass meeting.

"At whose behest?" asked Mr. Lavery.

"At the behest of employees of the Locomobile Co."

Asked about the circumstances of the meeting he said it was held at the rear of the factory building in Scadding Park. He said they had permission. He showed the following permit from the owner.

"This is to certify that I have given permission to Machinists' local, No. 39, to hold open air meetings in the rear of Locomobile Co. at noon hour."

Mr. Bowen, confirmed the statements of Superintendent Birmingham. He told me if I spoke I would be arrested.

Mr. Cederholm was placed on the stand. He answered, in reply to questions that he has lived here since 1820; has held office as the gift of the citizens of Bridgeport; he is a machinist and he said he was employed by the Locomobile Co. until one week ago Tuesday. He said he was at the meeting to speak, at the behest of the employees of the factory.

He said Superintendent Birmingham's statements were correct.

Nelson said he had lived in this city six years and on worked in the Loco Co. until two years ago today, and said he was at the meeting to speak at the behest of the employees of the Locomobile Co.

"Strictly in accord with facts," he said, Superintendent Birmingham's statements.

"The chief told me he had orders from the mayor. I told the chief I was going to find out if he had a right to arrest me."

Mr. Gray asked Nelson if he had ever been known under the name of "A. Robbins." He replied in the affirmative.

To questions in regard to the "Robbins" name, he replied, "I was in the name of Robbins."

"Why did you give the name of Robbins at the Locomobile Co.?"

Mr. Nelson said he was a real name, given him in Russia, and that a mistake had been made in the Locomobile Co. cards. He admitted he had lived in Chicago once. He said he had been in Lawrence a week or so, and was a newspaper reporter. He said he had worked in Rochester, and never worked in Rochester, and never stayed there.

Judge Wilder put an end to Mr. Gray's questioning along this line by asking Lavery said:

"What's that got to do with breach of the peace in the city of Bridgeport?"

The bench agreed. "What these gentlemen want is simply an interpretation of what they can do and what they can't do in a case like this." He refused to allow a further inquiry into Nelson's history.

Mr. Gray then began his argument. After making at length be summarized by saying:

"To my mind the case is this: These three men, two of them citizens, and one I don't know anything about—never have seen him before—were told by a policeman to go to the house on orders from the mayor, they were not to address the meeting."

"They defied the police authorities of the city and did as they pleased. Consequently they were arrested and brought up here."

"It is immaterial what the superintendent arrested them for. They are being prosecuted here on warrants, which have been issued for breach of the peace or anything he wants."

"Something serious might have happened. These are citizens who know better, one of whom is an officer of the local, and he has already defied the police. It couldn't have been any worse if he had thumbed his nose to the superintendent."

"If I had a party of friends at my house and an officer came to me and said: 'Mr. Gray, stop this meeting right now! I should be guilty of breach of the peace if I didn't obey. If Mr. Lavery were sitting on his front porch and a policeman told him to go into the house it would be Mr. Lavery's duty to go in.'"

This caused a titter, and later Mr. Lavery showed cause why he wouldn't go in, despite Mr. Gray's tribute to the powers of a policeman.

"It's too bad to inject the labor question into this case," said Mr. Gray. "The only question is whether or not it constituted a disturbance of the peace."

Mr. Lavery said: "These gentlemen were brought up here on warrants charging them with breach of the peace, the crime of breach of the peace. The statutes of Connecticut show that such a crime must be proved beyond shadow of a reasonable doubt that these men did something against Section 1234 of the statutes of the State of Connecticut."

"It's not what might have happened. It's what did happen that is the point in question. The meeting that somebody ordered the arrest doesn't matter. The question is: 'Was there anything in the actions of these men that might be called tumultuous or offensive carriage.'"

He said the men had hired property. City of Bridgeport has no authority to issue such an order as he did except with a criminal law is declared.

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